



Sokol Blosser

DUNDEE HILLS, OREGON

Est. 1971

2012 BIG TREE BLOCK PINOT NOIR



*"The pioneering winery Sokol Blosser added no new vineyards, but **a new generation seems to have rediscovered its mojo.**"*

Earthy notes add interest to the ripe blackberry and black cherry fruit at the center. A broad wine, with an open texture, coming together harmoniously on the gentle finish. Drink now through 2020."

-- Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator, Jan '15

Wine Spectator -- 91 points

Wine Enthusiast -- 94 points

Wine Advocate -- 91 points

Tanzer's IWC -- 91 points

We are making our **2012 Big Tree Block Pinot Noir** available to key accounts for the first time since our 2001 single blocks were last available to the market. Due to replanting our estate vineyard in 1998 to 2011, our single block production has ranged from limited to none. Now, mature and back in full production, we are pleased to share these limited production and distinct expressions of our extraordinary estate vineyard blocks in custom six-bottle wooden boxes.

Near the original family home on the estate there was a giant maple tree. As the vineyard grew, the large root system of the tree began to compete with the fledgling vines, and eventually the tree had to go. So, in the tradition of all of our blocks, this was named "Big Tree Block" in honor of the giant tree that used to watch over that block. Big Tree Block is planted to the Pommard and Dijon 777 clones in the famous clay loam Jory soil.

Our 2012 Big Tree Block Pinot Noir is balanced and features dense, dark red fruit, and round tannins, followed by notes of orange peel and a long and persistent finish.

VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

"This was a great vintage. Period. I will likely never see another vintage like this in my lifetime," says Winemaker Alex Sokol Blosser. "Growing & harvest conditions were ideal as we had a cool, wet spring with a dry, warm summer."

WINEMAKING

Appellation: Dundee Hills

Handpicked, handsorted and carefully destemmed

Made with 100% organic grapes, certified by the Oregon Department of Agriculture

100% barrel-aged in French oak for 17 months with 42% new barrels

14.5% alcohol by volume | 300 cases produced

10- to 15-year lifespan in a proper cellar



In 1971, the Sokol Blosser family planted grapes on just five acres in the Dundee Hills. As one of the pioneering wineries of the region, Sokol Blosser has played a key role in developing and shaping the now-prominent Oregon wine industry. The winery is family owned and operated, with the second generation now at the helm: siblings Alex and Alison Sokol Blosser. The estate has grown to more than 86 acres under cultivation, and the winery works to create wines of world-class quality, produced in a sustainable manner, which reflect the distinctive flavors of the grapes, soil and climate. Cheers!